

November 11, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING 6 NOTICE OF EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of the Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 9 and 10, 2016, Ken Pfister of Great Plains Communications, Wendy Thompson Fast of the Consolidated Companies, Jeff Reynolds and Scott Schultheis¹ of Reynolds Schultheis Consulting and the undersigned met individually with Commissioner O'Rielly and Amy Bender, Stephanie Weiner and Lisa Hone of Chairman Wheeler's office along with Carol Matthey and Alex Minard of the WCB, Claude Aiken of Commissioner Clyburn's office, Travis Litman of Commissioner Rosenworcel's office and Alex Minard, Katie King and Talmage Cox of the WCB on behalf of the Nebraska Companies. We thanked the Commission for their work in bringing the RoR ACAM to this stage and congratulated them on the success of the first model election. We urged the commission to fund the model at a level to ensure that the 274 study areas that opted for the model continue to do so and to not take any actions that would disqualify any of those study areas from remaining on the model. We indicated that the nation will get significantly more build-out than if these companies remained under legacy regulation, at least 500,000 more locations with at least 4/1 Mbps. We provided the attached build out comparison of the model and legacy build-out requirements for these 274 study areas.

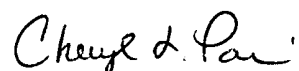
We also provided three maps to show the national impact of additional model funding at \$150 million, \$200 million and \$245 million and the resulting funding per location. Those maps are also included in the attachment. Finally, we urged the commission to

¹ Scott Schultheis was only in attendance at the meeting with the WCB staff.

expeditiously release the final model offer so that companies can make their final election as soon as possible such that the model can be effective by January 1, 2017.

This letter is being filed pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl L. Parrino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cheryl" and last name "Parrino" clearly distinguishable.

Cheryl L. Parrino

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Enclosure

Cc: Commissioner O'Rielly
Stephanie Weiner
Claude Aiken
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